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Applicants' independent claims 49, 51, 54 and 55 have been amended to better define applicants' invention. More particularly, independent claims 49 and 55 define the superposition of ID data reproduced from a recording medium and image information reproduced from the recording medium, wherein the superposition is performed in one of a first mode and a second mode. In the first mode, data of a first type contained in the ID data is superimposed. In the second mode, data of the first type and data of a second type which is also contained in the ID data are superimposed. The superposition of the data in the first and second modes is further carried out such that the position of the superposition of the data of the first type in the first mode and the position of the superposition of the data of the first type in the second mode are different from each other.

Independent claims 51 and 55 are directed to the superposition of character information converted from ID data reproduced from a recording medium with image information which is also reproduced from the recording medium. The position at which the character information is superimposed is varied according to the display mode, even when the character information to be superimposed is the same.

The above constructions of amended independent claims 49, 51, 54 and 55 are supported by the description in applicants' specification at page 88, line 10, through page 89, line 28. Such constructions are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

Claims 1-2 of the '984 patent are directed to recording apparatus in which character information corresponding to a first identification information signal received by an input means of the recording device is displayed. The input means also receives an image information signal and a second identification information signal. These claims are, therefore, not directed to a

reproducing apparatus, nor are they concerned with the display of data or information contained in reproduced ID data or ID information. Applicants' amended independent claims 49, 51, 54 and 55 are thus not taught or suggested by claims 1-2 of the '984 patent.

Nor does the Shimada, et al. patent taken alone, or in combination with claims 1-2 of the '984 patent, teach or suggest the features of such amended claims. The Shimada, et al. patent at column 5, lines 29-37, teaches the destination to which character signals are sent when the ID signal is 11, indicating that character data has been recorded in both DATA 1 and DATA 2. The ID signal 10, in the Shimada, et al. patent, in turn, indicates that an audio signal has been recorded in both DATA 1 and DATA 2, while the ID signal 01 indicates that character data has been recorded in DATA 1 and an audio signal has been recorded in DATA 2. The Shimada, et al. patent further describes the reproduction process when the ID signal 11 is present and teaches, in this example, that a reproduced character video signal and the reproduced image signal can be mixed and the mixed signal sent to the video output terminal.

However, neither of these teachings, i.e., neither the teaching that different ID signals can be used to indicate that audio information alone is recorded, video character information alone is recorded, and audio and video character information are both recorded, nor the teaching that, when video character information is recorded, that it can be reproduced and mixed with the reproduced video image signal, are a teaching or suggestion of applicants' invention as set forth in the amended claims. Thus, neither is a teaching or suggestion of a superimposing means that has a first mode in which data of a first type contained in ID data is superimposed with the image information, and a second mode in which the data of the first type and data of a second type contained in the ID data are both superimposed with the image information and wherein the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in said

first mode and the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in the second mode are different from each other, as required by amended claims 49 and 54. Moreover, neither is a teaching or suggestion of control means for changing a superimposing position of the character information superimposed by a superimposing means according to a display mode set by the setting means and wherein the control means vary, depending on the display mode, the position at which the character information is displayed, even when the character information is not changed, as required by amended claims 51 and 55.

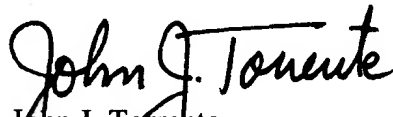
There is simply nothing in the Shimada, et al. patent regarding the changing of the position of superimposing first data for different modes of operation or the varying of the position of displayed character information depending on the display mode when character information is not changed. Applicants' amended independent claims 49, 51, 54 and 55, and their respective dependent claims, thus patentably distinguish over the Shimada, et al. patent taken alone or in combination with claims 1-2 of the '894 patent.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicants' claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully

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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 49-51 as follows:

-- 49. A reproducing apparatus for reading out image information and ID data of the image information from a recording medium recorded with the image information and the ID data of the image information to output the information and the ID data thereof to a display device, comprising:

means for reading out the image information and [judging a number of items of] the ID data corresponding to the image information from the recording medium[.];

means for superimposing the image information read out from the recording medium with the ID information read out from the recording medium; and

[control means for changing a superimposing position of the ID information according to the number of items judged by the judging means,]

output means for outputting the image information and the ID information superimposed by the superimposing means to the display device;[.]

wherein said superimposing [the control] means has a first mode in which data of a first type contained in the ID data is [changes the] superimposed with the image information, and a second mode in which the data of the first type and the data of a second type contained in the ID [position for] data are both superimposed with the image information and; [of an item common when the number of item is one and two.--.]

wherein the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in said first mode and the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in the second mode are

different from each other.

-- 50. An reproducing apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the data of the first type [common item] is [a] date information.

-- 51. A reproducing apparatus for reading out information signal from a recording medium to output the signal to a display device, comprising:

reading means for reading the information signal and ID information of the information signal from the recording medium[,];

conversion means for converting the ID information read out from the reading means into a character information[,];

setting means for setting a display mode of the character information converted by the conversion means on the display device[,]

superimposing means for superimposing the information signal with the character information converted by the conversion means to output the information signal superimposed with the character information to the display device[,]; and

control means for changing a superimposing position of the character information superimposed by the superimposing means according to a display mode set by the setting means;[. --.]

wherein said control means vary, depending on the display mode, the position at which the character information is displayed, even when the character information is not changed.

Amend claims 54-55 as follows:

-- 54. A method for controlling a reproduction apparatus which reads an image information and ID data of the image information from a recording medium recorded with the image information and the ID data and output the image information and the ID data to a display

device, the method comprising steps of:

reading out the image information and [judging a number of item of] the ID data  
corresponding to the image information to be reproduced from the recording medium;[,]

superimposing the image information and the ID data read from the recording  
medium; [by changing a superimposing position of the ID data according to the number of item of  
the ID data judged in the judging step,] and

outputting the image information superimposed with the ID data to the display  
device;[,]

wherein said [the] superimposing step [position] has a first mode in which [of] data  
of [an] a first type contained in the ID data is superposed with the image information, and a  
second mode in which data of the first type and data of a second type are both superimposed with  
the image information; and [item common when the number of item of the ID data is one and two  
is changed in the superimposing step]

wherein the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in said first  
mode and the position at which the data of the first type is superimposed in the second mode are  
different from each other.

-- 55. A method for controlling a reproduction apparatus for reading an information  
signal from a recording medium and outputs the information signal read from the recording  
medium to a display device, the method comprising steps of:

reading the information signal and an ID information of the information signal from  
the recording medium;[,]

converting the ID information read in the reading step into a character  
information;[,]

setting a display mode of the converted character information on the display device;[,] and

superimposing the information signal with the converted character information to output[ting] the information signal superimposed with the converted character information to the display device;[,]

wherein the superimposing position of the character information is controlled in the superimposing [outputting] step according to the display mode set in the setting step, and[.--.]

wherein, in the superimposing step, the position at which the character information is displayed is varied depending on the display mode, even when the character is not changed.